

MEADOWLANDS - October 9, 2026 - Race 5

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred
FOR REGISTERED NEW JERSEY BREDS FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON A RACE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, OR STARTER OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$15,000. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since August 9 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$15,000 (Races Where Entered For \$10,000 Or Less Not Considered In Allowances) Allowance Condition Preferred. (Rail at 17 feet). (SNW1 X) **Claiming Price:** \$15,000

Distance: Five Furlongs On The Turf **Current Track Record:** (Poochy - 55.34 - October 21, 2017)

Purse: \$45,000

Includes: \$9,000 NJB - New Jersey Bred Enhancement

Available Money: \$45,000

Value of Race: \$43,650 1st \$27,000, 2nd \$9,000, 3rd \$4,500, 4th \$2,250, 5th \$450, 6th \$450

Weather: Clear, 65° **Track:** Firm

Off at: 8:55 **Start:** Good for all except 3 **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	3/16	3/8	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
23Aug26 ¹ MTH ³	6	Slick Merlin (Maragh, Christian)	118	L b	5	5	¹ Head	¹ Head	¹ Head	¹ ¹ / ₄	8.60	dueled 2w, kicked clr
25Sep26 ⁵ MED ⁴	1	Emily Reward (Sutherland, Chantal)	123	L bf	1	3	5 ⁴	5 ²	⁴ Head	² Nose	4.90	late rally outside
30Oct26 ⁵ MED ⁷	3	Salt and Light (Gutierrez, Reylyu)	123	L bf	3	6	6	6	⁵ Head	³ Neck	9.10	off slowly, rally ins
12Sep26 ³ MTH ¹	7	Aria D (Lopez, Paco)	122	L	6	1	² ¹ / ₂	² ²	² ² / ₂	⁴ ² / ₂	1.80*	vied inside, dug in
20Oct26 ⁴ MED ²	4	Garden Gal (Rivera, Jr., Luis)	125	b	4	4	³ Head	³ Head	³ Head	5 ¹ ³ / ₄	2.10	stalked 2w, weakened
13Sep26 ⁶ MTH ⁴	2	Red Head Italian (Batista, Jose)	123	L bf	2	2	⁴ ² / ₂	⁴ ¹	6	6	5.10	tracked inside, tired

Fractional Times: 22.02 45.15 **Final Time:** 56.98 **Time from Gate:** 58.28

Split Times: (23:13) (11:83)

Run-Up: 40 feet **Temporary Rail:** 17 feet

Winner: Slick Merlin, Dark Bay or Brown Filly, by Sea Wizard out of Crafty Coed, by Crafty Friend. Foaled Apr 07, 2023 in New Jersey.

Breeder: Pegasus Stud Farm

Owner: Prancing Horse Farm, LLC

Trainer: Spina, Chuck

Claiming Prices: 1 - Emily Reward: \$15,000; 3 - Salt and Light: \$15,000; 2 - Red Head Italian: \$15,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Eatontown Girl (Stewards)

Total WPS Pool: \$61,449

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Slick Merlin	19.20	9.40	5.60	\$1.00 Exacta	6-1	51.60	44,054
1	Emily Reward		4.60	3.00	\$0.50 Trifecta	6-1-3	100.70	23,965
3	Salt and Light			3.60	\$0.10 Superfecta	6-1-3-7	85.89	13,512
					\$1.00 Daily Double	3-6	35.10	8,153
					\$0.50 Pick 3	7-3-6 (3 correct)	44.80	6,191

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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6	Slick Merlin	5	¹ Head	¹ Head	¹ Head	¹ ¹ / ₄
1	Emily Reward	3	5 ⁴ ¹ / ₄	5 ³ ¹ / ₄	⁴ ² / ₃	² ¹ / ₄
3	Salt and Light	6	6 ⁸ ¹ / ₄	6 ⁵ ¹ / ₄	5 ² ³ / ₄	³ ¹ / ₄
7	Aria D	1	² Head	² Head	² Head	⁴ ¹ / ₂
4	Garden Gal	4	³ ¹ / ₂	³ ²	³ ² / ₂	5 ⁴
2	Red Head Italian	2	⁴ ¹ / ₃	⁴ ² / ₄	6 ³	6 ⁵ ³ / ₄

Trainers: 6 - Spina, Chuck; 1 - Harris, Holly; 3 - Harris, Holly; 7 - McBurney, Patrick; 4 - Milne, Joan; 2 - Delgado, Jorge

Owners: 6 - Prancing Horse Farm, LLC; 1 - Starting Line Stable; 3 - Starting Line Stable; 7 -Dennis A. Drazin; 4 - Liberation Farm and Milne, Joan; 2 -Michael Ottrando;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

SLICK MERLIN moved up early, vied outside for the lead, dueled on the turn, battled heads apart with ARIA D to midstretch, then kicked clear past the sixteenth pole for the win. EMILY REWARD raced off the pace inside, angled out three wide into the stretch, rallied outside, finished well late and got the nod for second. SALT AND LIGHT was off slowly, raced off the pace, moved up entering the stretch, rallied in the two path, then angled in, finished well on the rail and just missed for the place spot. ARIA D cleared the field soon after the start, then vied inside for the lead, dueled with the winner on the turn, dug in to midstretch and weakened late. GARDEN GAL stalked close up two wide, chased on the turn and weakened. RED HEAD ITALIAN tracked close up on the inside, chased on the turn, lacked a bid and tired.